

REMARKS

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103 or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 1-13 and new claim 14 are in the application.

The Examiner stated that the lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicants' cooperation was requested in correcting any errors of which applicants may become aware in the specification. The present application has been amended herein so as to correct errors of which Applicants' undersigned attorney is aware.

Claims 1-13 were objected to "because they are ... missing articles and prepositions." In particular, the Examiner referred to several phrases in claims 3 and 6. Claims 3 and 6 have been amended herein.

Claim 8 was objected to because "highly" on line 3 was misspelled. Claim 8 has been amended herein to change "highy" to "high."

Claims 1, 4, 5, 12, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Driscoll (U.S. Patent No. 6,593,969).

Independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

“picture image conversion means for eliminating distortion of the entirety or a portion of the picture image selected by the selector means **and for converting it into high quality picture image.**”
(Emphasis ours.)

As best understood, the Examiner appears to assert that Driscoll and, in particular, units 1240 and 1243 and lines 19-24 of column 11 thereof, discloses the above features of claim

1. Contrary to the Examiner’s assertion, it is respectfully submitted that such portions of Driscoll (hereinafter, merely “Driscoll”) do not disclose “picture image conversion means for ... **converting it into high quality picture image.**” as in claim 1. In other words, Driscoll does not disclose means for converting the distortion eliminated picture image into a high quality picture image. Instead, Driscoll appears to merely eliminate the distortion.

Accordingly, for at least the above described reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from Driscoll. For similar or somewhat similar reasons, it is also respectfully submitted that independent claims 4, 5, 12, and 13 are distinguishable from Driscoll.

Claims 2, 6-8, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Driscoll in view of Adams (U.S. Patent No. 5,652,621).

For reasons similar to or somewhat similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 6, 10, and 11 are also distinguishable from Driscoll. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Adams to overcome

such deficiencies of Driscoll. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6, 10, and 11 are distinguishable over the applied combination of Driscoll and Adams.

Claims 2, 7, and 8 are dependent from one of independent claims 1 and 6 and, due to such dependency, are also believed to be distinguishable over Driscoll for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Adams to overcome such deficiencies of Driscoll. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 7, and 8 are distinguishable over the applied combination of Driscoll and Adams.

Claims 3 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Driscoll in view of Adams and in further view of Kondo (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,138).

Claims 3 and 9 are dependent from one of independent claims 1 and 6 and, due to such dependency, are also believed to be distinguishable over Driscoll for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Adams or Kondo to overcome such deficiencies of Driscoll. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3 and 9 are distinguishable over the applied combination of Driscoll, Adams, and Kondo.

New claim 14 has been added herein. Claim 14 depends from independent claim 1 and further recites “wherein the high quality picture image has a resolution higher than that before the converting.”

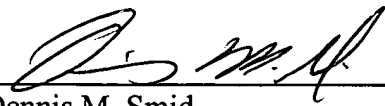
In the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference or references, there is the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

The Examiner has made of record and not relied upon a number of documents. Since none of these documents appear to have been relied upon in a rejection against any of the present claims, no comments pertaining thereto are provided herein.

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